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10 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
11 FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON

12 UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

13 Plaintiff,

14 v.

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16 MICHAEL LEE MOODY,  
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20 Defendants.

1:23-CR-2037-SAB-5

INDICTMENT

18 U.S.C. § 3  
Accessory After the Fact  
(Counts 1, 3)

18 U.S.C. § 1201(a)(1)  
Kidnapping Resulting in Death  
(Count 2)

21 The Grand Jury charges:

22 Introductory Allegations

23 At all times material to this indictment:

1 A. Description of Locations:

2 The following locations are in the Eastern District of Washington, within the  
3 boundaries of the Yakama Nation Indian Reservation, and on trust land, in Indian  
4 Country,  
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7 1. 1161 Donald Wapato Road, Wapato, Washington, further described as  
8 Allotment No. 1147-A, that part of the W  $\frac{1}{2}$  SE  $\frac{1}{4}$  NW  $\frac{1}{4}$  lying SE of the  
9 centerline of Donald Road in Sec. 11, T. 11 N., R. 19 E., Willamette Meridian,  
10 Yakima County, also known as “The House of Souls;”  
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12 2. 4670 Branch Road, Wapato, Washington, further described as Allotment  
13 No. 1924-A, commencing at the NW corner of Sec. 32, T. 11 N., R. 19 E., W.M.  
14 Yakima County, thence E. 990’ along the N. boundary of said tract; thence S. 590’  
15 to the true point of beginning; thence W. 60’; thence S. 330’; thence E. 165’;  
16 thence N. 330’; thence W. 105’ to the point of beginning, also known as “The  
17 Estrada Ranch;”  
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21 3. GPS coordinates 46° 17’ 19”N, 120° 42’54”W, south of Pom Pom Road,  
22 White Swan, Washington, further described as Allotment No. 3096, Lot 1, SE  $\frac{1}{4}$   
23 NE  $\frac{1}{4}$ , E  $\frac{1}{2}$  SE  $\frac{1}{4}$ , of Sec. 5, T. 9 N., R. 17 E., Willamette Meridian, Yakima  
24 County; and  
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4. GPS coordinates 46.3964185, -120.3617772, Wapato, Washington, further described as Allotment No. 1044, the SE ¼ NE ¼ and the NE 1/3 SE ¼ of Sec. 31, T. 11 N., R. 20 E., Willamette Meridian, Yakima County, near M&R Towing.

B. Description of Individuals

5. Jedidah Iesha Moreno and Defendants [REDACTED] and MICHAEL LEE MOODY are non-Indian. Rosenda Strong and Defendants [REDACTED] [REDACTED] are Indian.

C. Murder of Rosenda Strong

6. On or about October 5, 2018, at 1161 Donald Wapato Road, Wapato, Washington, also known as the House of Souls, Jedidah Iesha Moreno and Rosenda Strong were engaged in an argument. Jedidah Iesha Moreno fired multiple gunshots at Rosenda Strong and murdered Rosenda Strong. Several individuals, including but not limited to the Defendants [REDACTED] [REDACTED] MICHAEL LEE MOODY, [REDACTED] [REDACTED] and others known and unknown to the Grand Jury, were either inside the residence or nearby the House of Souls at the time of the murder.

7. After murdering Rosenda Strong, Jedidiah Iesha Moreno, who was armed with a firearm, requested that others present assist in disposing of her body.

1 Defendants [REDACTED] placed  
2 Rosenda Strong's body into a freezer. Defendants [REDACTED] and  
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4 MICHAEL LEE MOODY, and others known and unknown to the Grand Jury,  
5 transported the freezer containing Rosenda Strong's body to another location using  
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7 Defendant [REDACTED] truck. Defendants [REDACTED]  
8 [REDACTED] MICHAEL LEE MOODY, and [REDACTED]  
9 [REDACTED] assisted in dumping Rosenda Strong's remains near GPS  
10 coordinates 46.3964185, -120.3617772, near M&R Towing.  
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12 8. On July 4, 2019, a citizen discovered human remains at the location near  
13 GPS coordinates 46.3964185, -120.3617772, near M&R Towing. Law  
14 enforcement was contacted. Dental records confirmed that the remains were that  
15 of Rosenda Strong.  
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18 D. Murder of Jedidah Iesha Moreno

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20 9. On or about October 6, 2018, at 4670 Branch Road, Wapato, also known as  
21 the Estrada Ranch, in a detached garage, Jedidah Iesha Moreno shot and wounded  
22 Defendant [REDACTED] with a firearm, wounding Defendant  
23 [REDACTED] hand. After the shooting, Jedidah Iesha Moreno  
24 exited the detached garage. [REDACTED] and others known and  
25 unknown to the Grand Jury then quickly locked the doors of the detached garage  
26 to prevent Jedidah Iesha Moreno from re-entering the detached garage.  
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1 10. After Jedidah Iesha Morena shot Defendant [REDACTED] in  
2 the hand, Defendant [REDACTED] learned that Defendant  
3 [REDACTED] needed assistance at the Estrada Ranch. Defendant  
4 [REDACTED] traveled to the Estrada Ranch in a Dodge  
5 Durango with Vehicle Identification Number 1D8HB48P77F554179 (hereinafter  
6 the “Dodge Durango”). The Dodge Durango was manufactured outside of the  
7 State of Washington.  
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11 11. After arriving at the Estrada Ranch, Defendant [REDACTED]  
12 [REDACTED] transported Jedidah Iesha Moreno to the House of Souls in the Dodge  
13 Durango. After receiving a phone call on his cellular phone, Defendant [REDACTED]  
14 [REDACTED] transported Jedidah Iesha Moreno back to the Estrada  
15 Ranch, again using the Dodge Durango. Jedidiah Iesha Moreno was physically  
16 restrained.  
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20 12. Upon returning to the Estrada Ranch, Defendant [REDACTED]  
21 [REDACTED] and others both known and unknown to the Grand Jury physically  
22 restrained Jedidah Iesha Moreno with a cargo strap and duct tape and forced her  
23 into the trunk of a Chevrolet Impala. The Chevrolet Impala was manufactured  
24 outside of the State of Washington. Defendant [REDACTED],  
25 using a .45 caliber pistol, then fired several bullets into the trunk of the Chevrolet  
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1 Impala inside which Jedidah Iesha Moreno was lying, bound, on her side, hitting  
2 her multiple times.  
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4 13. Two juvenile individuals known and unknown to the Grand Jury then  
5 transported Jedidah Iesha Moreno's body to another location in the Chevrolet  
6 Impala. The two juvenile individuals known and unknown to the Grand Jury  
7 dumped the body of Jedidah Iesha Moreno at a location within the external  
8 boundaries of the Yakama Nation Indian Reservation. A juvenile known to the  
9 Grand Jury fired multiple rounds into the body of Jedidah Iesha Moreno.  
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12 14. The following day, Defendant [REDACTED] learned what  
13 had happened the prior day with respect to the murder of Jedidah Iesha Moreno.  
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15 Defendant [REDACTED] and others known and unknown to the  
16 Grand Jury searched for and located the body of Jedidah Iesha Moreno.  
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18 Defendant [REDACTED] and others known and unknown to the  
19 Grand Jury transported Jedidah Iesha Moreno's body to a more secluded location  
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21 in an attempt to conceal it and her murder. Defendant [REDACTED]  
22 [REDACTED] removed a nylon strap from the body of Jedidah Iesha Moreno, and he  
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24 and others known to the Grand Jury transported the body to GPS coordinates 46°  
25 17' 19"N, 120° 42' 54"W, south of Pom Pom Road, White Swan, Washington. At  
26 that time, a juvenile known to the Grand Jury fired multiple .22 caliber rounds into  
27 Jedidah Iesha Moreno's body.  
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1 15. On November 28, 2018, a citizen discovered the remains of Jedidah Iesha  
2 Moreno and law enforcement was immediately contacted.  
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4 16. Sometime after the murder of Jedidiah Iesha Moreno, but by no later than  
5 October 31, 2018, [REDACTED] and a juvenile known to the  
6 Grand Jury attempted to hide the Chevrolet Impala by submerging it in a pond in  
7 the Eastern District of Washington. On January 6, 2019, the Yakima County  
8 Sheriff's Office located and removed the Chevrolet Impala from the pond.  
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11 COUNT ONE (18 U.S.C. § 3 -Accessory After the Fact)

12 17. The allegations contained in paragraphs 1 through 16 of this Indictment are  
13 realleged in these counts and incorporated by reference as if fully set forth herein.  
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15 18. On or about October 2, 2018, in the Eastern District of Washington, within  
16 the external boundaries of the Yakama Nation Indian Reservation, the Defendants,  
17 [REDACTED]  
18 [REDACTED]  
19 [REDACTED] and MICHAEL LEE MOODY, knowing that  
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21 Jedidah Iesha Moreno had committed an offense against the United States, to wit:  
22 First Degree Murder, in violation of 18 U.S.C. §§ 1111, 1152, did knowingly assist  
23 Jedidah Iesha Moreno in order to hinder and prevent her apprehension, trial, and  
24 punishment; all in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 3.  
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COUNT TWO (18 U.S.C. § 1201(a)(1) -Kidnapping Resulting in  
Death)

19. The allegations contained in paragraphs 1 through 18 of this Indictment are  
realleged in these counts and incorporated by reference as if fully set forth herein.

20. On or about October 6, 2018, in the Eastern District of Washington, the  
Defendant, [REDACTED], did unlawfully and willfully seize,  
kidnap, abduct, confine, carry away, inveigle, and hold for ransom or reward or  
otherwise Jedidah Iesha Moreno, and did use a means, facility, and instrumentality  
of interstate commerce, in furtherance of the commission of the offense,  
Kidnapping Resulting in Death, in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 1201(a)(1).

COUNT THREE (18 U.S.C. 3 -Accessory After the Fact)

21. The allegations contained in paragraphs 1 through 20 of Introductory  
Allegations of this Indictment are realleged in these counts and incorporated by  
reference as if fully set forth herein. (1)

22. On or about October 7, 2018, in the Eastern District of Washington, within  
the external boundaries of the Yakama Nation Indian Reservation, the Defendant,  
[REDACTED], knowing that [REDACTED] had  
committed an offense against the United States, to wit: Kidnapping Resulting in  
Death, in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 1201(a)(1), did knowingly assist [REDACTED]

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1 [REDACTED] in order to hinder and prevent his apprehension, trial, and  
2 punishment, in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 3.  
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4 DATED this \_\_\_\_ day of June, 2023.  
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7 A TRUE BILL  
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